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Applicant(s): Scott J. TUMAN et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
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 For: METHOD FOR MAKING A STEM WEB )

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 6 January 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 33, amend claims 32 and 34, and add new claims 41-57. The new and amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

32. (ONCE AMENDED) A method of making a web construction comprising a plurality of stems distributed in discrete regions on the web construction, the method comprising:  
 providing a web construction comprising a continuous or substantially continuous layer of polymeric material on an elastic substrate, wherein the polymeric material is at a temperature above its softening point;